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## SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, §§1.97-1.98, and supplemental to the Information Disclosure Statement filed in the instant application on April 23, 2001, Applicant hereby calls the following documents, which were cited in a Japanese Reason for the Rejection dated December 3, 2002 for corresponding Japanese Patent Application No. 222-188367, to the Examiner's attention:

Japanese Laid-Open Publication No. 11-205574, published on July 30, 1999; Japanese Laid-Open Publication No. 11-220599, published on August 10, 1999; Japanese Laid-Open Publication No. 11-112778, published on April 23, 1999; Japanese Laid-Open Publication No. 2000-22922, published on January 21, 2000; Japanese Laid-Open Publication No. 10-308766, published on

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Japanese Laid-Open Publication No. 11-69071, published on March 9, 1999;

Japanese Laid-Open Publication No. 11-317763, published on November 16, 1999;

Japanese Laid-Open Publication No. 9-200250, published on July 31, 1997;

Japanese Laid-Open Publication No. 11-331473, published on November 30, 1999; and

Japanese Laid-Open Publication No. 11-252164, published on September 17, 1999.

Applicant notes that all of the above-mentioned Japanese documents are being submitted together with an English language Abstract of the same.

The relevance and pertinent portions of JP 11-205574 are as noted on the attached copy of the Japanese Reason for the Rejection (together with an English language translation of the same). Applicant notes that the remaining Japanese documents were cited by the Japanese Examiner as background references, and thus, not discussed in detail in the Japanese Reason for the Rejection nor utilized in the rejection of any claims.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider all of the above materials and cite the patent documents. Copies of the above-noted patents are attached and have been listed on a PTO-1449 Form which is also attached hereto. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached PTO-1449 Form and to return a copy of the Form to the Applicant with the next official communication in the present application to confirm consideration of these documents.

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Further, Applicant notes that an Office Action on the merits has not yet issued in the instant application, and thus, no fee is necessary to ensure consideration of this statement.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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